

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Monday February 18, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Roll Call:

Members Present: Steve Ashkin, Toby Strout, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton,
George Huntington, Jeff Mease, Cynthia Shultz

Staff Present: Adam Wason, Francie Gary

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. The January 2008 minutes were approved unanimously with one noted correction. John Hamilton's announcement was regarding Charlottesville, Virginia, not Charlottesville, North Carolina.

New Member Introduction: Cynthia Shultz lives in Griffy Heights and has been involved in sustainability since she helped found Bloomingfoods. The Commission welcomed Cynthia to BCOS and looks forward to her participation.

Green Building Presentation

Steve Ashkin gave a great presentation on green building, including what components of a building can be considered green, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and its members, and Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification.

Staff Report

Adam reported that the Green Building Ordinance is still in the draft phase. Dave Rollo and the Environmental Commission have been putting lots of effort into this ordinance.

At the Indianapolis Green Building Conference Adam attended he learned a lot and was able to network with several people who may be resources for Bloomington in the future.

Team Green continues to meet and make progress. Day lighting sensors and a street light inventory are current topics of research as is Green Cleaning for city facilities.

Chair's Report

John announced that there is one more open seat on the Commission, and that anyone in the county may become eligible for membership depending on City Council approval on 3/5/08.

Committee Reports

Sustainability Assessment Report- The committee met to discuss the indicators of the report and gave Jenny a rough timeline and goals in clarifying the indicators. It was also expressed that there needs to be a way in which to clarify how and when the data for the report was collected so that in future years it can be consistent. Furthermore, there needs

to be a way to integrate the different portions of the report to emphasize the interconnectedness of sustainability.

Initiatives- The committee had just finished meeting before the BCOS meeting. They are looking for a way for others to communicate potential initiatives to them in an effective manner. There is interest in holding a Transportation event and possibly inviting Walkable Communities' Dan Burden for a day of training and other events.

Education- All members of the committee were currently at an education event and were unable to report.

Partnerships and Resources- Two of the three committee members are no longer involved, so there will have to be some rearrangement when there are more new members.

Public Comment

Jeff Miller from Harrell-Fish Incorporated was recognized as the newest LEED certified contractor in Bloomington.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.